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SUBJ: HUNGARIAN LEADERSHIP AND THE RECENT
KADAR VISIT TO MOSCOW

1. SENIOR HUNGARIAN TELEVISION COMMENTATOR AND NEWSCASTER
ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS TOLD EMBOFF AT LUNCH OCTOBER 15 QUOTE
THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION IN ANYONE'S MIND NOW THAT KADAR
IS STAYING AND THAT HIS POSITION IN MOSCOW IS AS SOLID
AS EVER UNQUOTE.

2. EXTREMELY WELL CONNECTED IN HIGH PARTY CIRCLES AND
CONSIDERED VERY RELIABLE, SOURCE REFLECTED VIEW WHICH
IS NOW BECOMING GNERALIZED HERE, AND IS BEING GREETED
WITH MUCH RELIEF AFTER PERIOD OF INTENSE RUMORS PRIOR TO
KADAR TRIP.

3. SOURCE SAID APPEARANCE OF NEMETH PICTURE WITH BREZHNEV
ON FRONT PAGE OF HSWP DAILY NEPSZABADSAG HAD BEEN PROMPTED
BY SOVIET EMBASSY HERE, AND HAD UNLEASHED SUCH A STRONG
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WAVE OF SPECULATION ABOUT KADAR'S ALLEGED DEMISE THAT CC

FELT OBLIGED TO TAKE HIGHLY UNUSUAL STEP OF ADVANCING ANNOUNCEMENT OF KADAR TRIP TO A COUPLE OF WEEKS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE IN ORDER TO TRY TO SCOTCH RUMORS.

4. SOURCE STRESSED THAT QUOTE NEMETH WOULD NEVER TAKE PART IN SUCH A COUP AGAINST KADAR UNQUOTE BUT INDICATED THAT RUMORS HAD GAINED CREDIBILITY BECAUSE SOVIET EMBASSY HERE IS KNOWN TO HOLD MUCH MORE SOMBER VIEWS THAN THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT ITSELF REGARDING HUNGARIAN EVENTS AND HAVE BEEN REPORTING ON DEVELOPMENTS HERE WITH CONSIDERABLE CONCERN.

5. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, THE EFFUSIVE RECEPTION ACCORDED TO KADAR, AND PARTICULARLY THE KEY SIGNAL OF MOSCOW APPROVAL IN THE FORM OF SUSLOV WHO ACCOMPANIED THE GROUP TO LENINGRAD, SHOULD BE CLEAR MESSAGE TO ALL, INCLUDING SOVIET EMBASSY HERE, ON WHERE KADAR STANDS.
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